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LAW DEPARTMENT

June 16, 1983

Deborah K. Woitte
Office of Enforcement Counsel-Waste
LE 134-S
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
401 M Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Re: 9th Avenue Site
Gary, Indiana

Dear Ms. Woitte:

On behalf of DeSoto, Inc. we acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 10, 1983, which we received on June 14, 1983. Please be advised that the address to which the letter was sent was one of the many facilities owned and operated by DeSoto. The corporate headquarters and the address to which all future correspondence should be directed, is 1700 South Mt. Prospect Road, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018.

We have, in accord with your request, commenced an investigation into the matter to determine the nature of our involvement with the subject Site. We are trying to determine whether DeSoto transported any wastes to or otherwise disposed of wastes at the waste disposal site located at West 9th Avenue, one-quarter mile East of Kline Avenue, Gary, Indiana (9th Avenue Site) or Steve Martell, or Liquid Engineering Company.

While we are pleased to cooperate in developing the information sought by U. S. EPA, it may not be possible for us to develop that information within the time frame specified in your letter. Therefore, while it is our intention to provide written answers to you in as short a time period as possible, we hereby give you notice that we may not be able to meet the deadline of July 1, 1983. We believe it reasonable to anticipate that we will be able to provide you all the information at our disposal on or before July 22, 1983.

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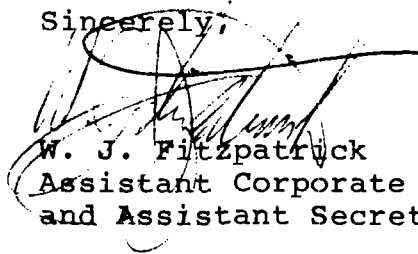


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Should you have any questions regarding this matter prior to our response to your letter, you may direct them to me or to our Corporate Environmental Engineer, Mr. Kenneth A. Walanski, at this address or at his phone number of (312) 391-9334. Again, we request that all correspondence be directed to the corporate headquarters.

Sincerely,



W. J. Fitzpatrick
Assistant Corporate Counsel
and Assistant Secretary

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cc: K. Walanski